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Land use planning meetings kick-off in May

INDIANAPOLIS – The land-use planning phase of Indianapolis Insight, the update to the Comprehensive Plan for Marion County, will officially kick-off with a public meeting in Pike Township.

WHEN: Monday, May 13
7 p.m.

WHERE: Intech 1 Conference Center
Intech Park
6325 Digital Way

As part of the comprehensive plan update, the City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), will host a series of nine public meetings in each township to gather citizen input on land use. These meetings will begin in Pike and Wayne Township and continue later this year in Perry and Lawrence, Washington and Warren, and Decatur and Franklin townships respectively. The agenda of each township meeting will build upon discussions and outcomes of previous meetings, so residents are encouraged to attend as frequently as possible.

The order of the township planning meetings was determined by ranking the townships based on land use needs and urgency.

Indianapolis Insight, developed by DMD's Division of Planning, is comprised of two phases: community values and land use. The land use component is required by state law as the basis for zoning and includes both objectives and policies for future land use development that involves public ways, places, lands, structures and utilities. It also is required by a number of state and federal grant programs in which the city takes part.

The community values component was completed earlier this year after an extensive public outreach effort that involved approximately 700 volunteers contributing more than 3600 hours to the planning process. This portion of the plan established goals and policies that city planners and community members can refer to when making decisions regarding land use and development. The community values component was officially adopted as the first phase of the comprehensive plan by the Metropolitan Development Commission in February 2002.

The comprehensive plan update is slated for completion sometime in 2004 or 2005.

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The public meeting schedule is available online at indygov.org/dmdplan/indianapolisinsight. The four land use meetings scheduled for this summer in Pike and Wayne townships are as follows:

Pike Township

- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #1:** May 13, 7 p.m. at Intech 1 Conference Center, Intech Park, 6325 Digital Way
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #2:** June 3, 7 p.m. at Pike Township Government Center, 5665 Lafayette Rd.
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #3:** June 24, 7 p.m. at Intech 1 Conference Center, Intech Park, 6325 Digital Way
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #4:** July 15, 7 p.m. at Pike Township Government Center, 5665 Lafayette Road

Wayne Township

- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #1:** June 10, 7 p.m. at Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters, 700 N. High School Rd.
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #2:** July 8, 7 p.m. at Northwest High School media center, 5525 W. 34th St.
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #3:** July 29, 7 p.m. at Garden City Elementary School, 4901 Rockville Rd.
- ✓ ☐ **Meeting #4:** August 19, 7 p.m. at Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters, 700 N. High School Rd.